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# IN THE CLAIMS:

#### Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for performing engine baseline modeling, comprising:

an engine service database that contains engine data;

a preprocessor for processing the engine data into a predetermined format; and

an engine baseline modeling component that builds an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data, wherein the engine baseline model relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

a model diagnostics component that evaluates the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data acquisition component that extracts the engine data from the engine service database.
- 3. The system according to claim 1, wherein the (Original) preprocessor comprises a data scrubbing component that cleans the engine data.
- 4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data segmenting component that segments the engine data into a plurality of groups.
- 5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the engine baseline model is a regression model.
- 6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a metric component that validates the engine baseline model.
- 7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a heuristics component that generates rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.

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#### 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system for performing engine baseline modeling, comprising:

an engine service database that contains engine data;

a preprocessor for processing the engine data into a predetermined format;

an engine baseline modeling component that builds an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

a model diagnostics component that evaluates the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 10. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data acquisition component that extracts the engine data from the engine service database.
- 11. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data scrubbing component that cleans the engine data.
- 12. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data segmenting component that segments the plurality of engine data into a plurality of groups.
- 13. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a metric component that validates the engine baseline model.
- 14. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a heuristics component that generates rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A system for performing engine baseline modeling of an aircraft engine, comprising:

an engine service database that contains aircraft engine data;

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a preprocessor for processing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessor corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

an engine baseline modeling component that builds an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

a model diagnostics component that evaluates the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 16. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a metric component that validates the engine baseline model.
- 17. (Original) The system according to claim 15, wherein the engine baseline modeling component comprises a heuristics component that generates rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A system for performing engine baseline modeling of an aircraft engine, comprising:

an engine service database that contains aircraft engine data;

a preprocessor for processing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessor corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

an engine baseline modeling component that builds an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions, and the engine baseline modeling component comprising a metric component to validate the engine baseline model; and

a model diagnostics component that evaluates the performance of the engine baseline model.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for performing engine baseline modeling of an aircraft engine, comprising:

means for storing aircraft engine data;

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means for preprocessing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessing means corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

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means for building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

means for evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 20. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein the building means comprises means for validating the engine baseline model.
- 21. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein the building means comprises means for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A method for performing engine baseline modeling, comprising:

storing engine data;

preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format; and

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data, wherein the engine baseline model relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

- 23. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the preprocessing comprises extracting the engine data from an engine service database.
- 24. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the preprocessing comprises cleaning the engine data.
- 25. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the preprocessing comprises segmenting the engine data into a plurality of groups.
- 26. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein the engine baseline model is a regression model.

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27. (Original) The method according to claim 22, further comprising validating the engine baseline model.

- 28. (Original) The method according to claim 22, further comprising generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
  - 29. (Cancelled)
- 30. (Currently Amended) A method for performing engine baseline modeling, comprising:

storing engine data;

preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 31. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the preprocessing comprises extracting the engine data from an engine service database.
- 32. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the preprocessing comprises cleaning the engine data.
- 33. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein the preprocessing comprises segmenting the engine data into a plurality of groups.
- 34. (Original) The method according to claim 30, further comprising validating the engine baseline model.
- 35. (Original) The method according to claim 30, further comprising generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 36. (Currently Amended) A method for performing engine baseline modeling of an aircraft engine, comprising:

storing aircraft engine data;

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preprocessing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessing corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 37. (Original) The method according to claim 36, further comprising validating the engine baseline model.
- 38. (Original) The method according to claim 36, further comprising generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 39. (Currently Amended) A method for performing engine baseline modeling of an aircraft engine, comprising:

storing aircraft engine data;

preprocessing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessing corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions;

validating the engine baseline model; and generating model diagnostics from the engine baseline model; and evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

40. (Currently Amended) A method for performing engine baseline modeling of an engine, comprising:

presenting a user with aircraft engine data;

prompting the user to select engine performance variables and engine operating conditions from the aircraft engine data to model;

in response to the user selection, preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format; and

using a regression to build an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the data; and

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evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

41. (Original) The method according to claim 40, wherein the preprocessing comprises cleaning the engine data.

- 42. (Original) The method according to claim 40, further comprising validating the engine baseline model.
- 43. (Original) The method according to claim 40, further comprising generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
  - 44. (Cancelled)
- 45. (Original) The method according to claim 44, further comprising displaying results from the evaluation to the user.
- 46. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a computer system to perform engine baseline modeling, the computer instructions comprising:

storing engine data;

preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format; and

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data, wherein the engine baseline model relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

- 47. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for extracting the engine data from an engine service database.
- 48. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for cleaning the engine data.
- 49. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for segmenting the engine data into a plurality of groups.

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50. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, wherein the engine baseline model is a regression model.

- 51. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, further comprising instructions for validating the engine baseline model.
- 52. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 46, further comprising instructions for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.

## 53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a computer system to perform engine baseline modeling, the computer instructions comprising:

storing engine data;

preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

- 55. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 54, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for extracting the engine data from an engine service database.
- 56. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 54 wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for cleaning the engine data.
- 57. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 54, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for segmenting the engine data into a plurality of groups.
- 58. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 54, further comprising instructions for validating the engine baseline model.

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59. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 54, further comprising instructions for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.

60. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a

computer system to perform engine baseline modeling, the computer instructions comprising:

storing aircraft engine data;

preprocessing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessing corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions; and

evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

- 61. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 60, further comprising instructions for validating the engine baseline model.
- 62. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 60, further comprising instructions for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
- 63. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a computer system to perform engine baseline modeling, the computer instructions comprising:

storing aircraft engine data;

preprocessing the aircraft engine data into a predetermined format, wherein the preprocessing corrects the aircraft engine data to standard conditions derived for an aircraft engine;

building an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data using a regression analysis, wherein the regression analysis relates engine performance variables as a function of engine operating conditions;

validating the engine baseline model; and generating model diagnostics from the engine baseline model; and evaluating the performance of the engine baseline model.

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64. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a computer system to perform engine baseline modeling, the computer instructions comprising:

presenting a user with aircraft engine data;

prompting the user to select engine performance variables and engine operating conditions from the aircraft engine data to model;

in response to the user selection, preprocessing the engine data into a predetermined format; and

using a regression to build an engine baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data; and

- 65. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 64, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for cleaning the engine data.
- 66. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 64, further comprising instructions for validating the engine baseline model.
- 67. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 64, further comprising instructions for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
  - 68. (Cancelled)
- 69. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 68, further comprising instructions for displaying results from the evaluation to the user.
- 70. (Currently Amended) A system for performing baseline modeling of a process, comprising:
  - a service database that contains data relating to the process;
  - a preprocessor for processing the data into a predetermined format; and
- a baseline modeling component that builds a baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data, wherein the baseline model relates process performance variables as a function of process operating conditions; and
- a model diagnostics component that evaluates the performance of the baseline model.

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71. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data acquisition component that extracts the data from the service database.

- 72. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data scrubbing component that cleans the data.
- 73. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the preprocessor comprises a data segmenting component that segments the data into a plurality of groups.
- 74. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the baseline model is a regression model.
- 75. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the baseline modeling component (34) comprises a metric component that validates the baseline model.
- 76. (Original) The system according to claim 70, wherein the baseline modeling component comprises a heuristics component that generates rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.

### 77. (Cancelled)

78. (Currently Amended) A method for performing baseline modeling of a process, comprising:

storing process data;

preprocessing the process data into a predetermined format; and

building a baseline model for an ideal <u>a</u> process from the preprocessed data, wherein the baseline model relates process performance variables as a function of process operating conditions; <u>and</u>

evaluating the performance of the baseline model.

79. (Original) The method according to claim 78, wherein the preprocessing comprises extracting the process data from a service database.

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80. (Original) The method according to claim 78, wherein the preprocessing comprises cleaning the process data.

- 81. (Original) The method according to claim 78, wherein the preprocessing comprises segmenting the process data into a plurality of groups.
- 82. (Original) The method according to claim 78, wherein the process baseline model is a regression model.
- 83. (Original) The method according to claim 78, further comprising validating the baseline model.
- 84. (Original) The method according to claim 78, further comprising generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
  - 85. (Cancelled)
- 86. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer instructions for instructing a computer system to perform baseline modeling of a process, the computer instructions comprising:

storing process data;

preprocessing the process data into a predetermined format; and

building a baseline model for an ideal engine from the preprocessed data, wherein the baseline model relates process performance variables as a function of process operating conditions; and

- 87. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for extracting the process data from a service database.
- 88. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for cleaning the process data.

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89. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, wherein the preprocessing comprises instructions for segmenting the process data into a plurality of groups.

- 90. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, wherein the baseline model is a regression model.
- 91. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, further comprising instructions for validating the baseline model.
- 92. (Original) The computer-readable medium according to claim 86, further comprising instructions for generating rules for cleaning the preprocessed data.
  - 93. (Cancelled)